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For the Year 1964

To the Chairman and Members of the Council:

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my annual report for 1964.

The statistics show that the population of the district increased by 780 while the total live births and total deaths both fell slightly. Although the total deaths of infants under one year of age remains at 20 which is the same as last year the infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births has increased from 16.8 last year to 17.1 this year. In this case the actual figure is of more importance than the calculated rate.

The year 1964 is one during which most members of the public became at least temporarily very conscious of the subject of food hygiene and as the subject is one of such importance I should like to comment on it. Unfortunately it usually takes some sort of disaster somewhere in the country to bring about this awareness and again unfortunately the effects are not sufficiently lasting. outbreak of disease a long distance from our district had its repercussions here and for months every member of our department was on the alert and engaged in some way in checking up on the purity of foods and cleanliness of premises or the reliability from the health point of view of food handlers. A long warm summer made this all the more necessary and although our efforts appear to have been rewarded by the prevention of any major incident the impression gained on reflecting is that there is still room for improvement regarding the standards of food hygiene generally. The Press has quite rightly drawn attention on occasions to certain defects, e.g. that too much food lies unwrapped on counters to be picked up by assistants whose hands, clothing and hair may be none too clean. Also it has been pointed out that while food handlers are strictly forbidden to smoke while handling unwrapped foods,

customers are permitted to smoke as much as they wish in food shops. Further, although the management of all food shops is encouraged to debar dogs on the grounds of hygiene by displaying suitable notices, cats are frequently seen sitting on shop counters or basking in the sun in shop windows among goods on display, while flies crawling on rashers of bacon in shop windows is something that everyone has seen. It is things such as these that discredit our efforts to achieve better standards and the public themselves could play a very important part in rectifying such defects. From the point of view of many people public health legislation is too permissive and should be more definite and precise, e.g. food handlers are required to keep themselves and their clothing as clean as may be reasonably practicable. This, it is argued leaves too much to the individual judgement and too much latitude as to what is practicable or even acceptable in varying circumstances. Again it is noticed that machines such as slicers must be clean but they need not be sterilized, and this leads me to another point which I must mention. Investigation of outbreaks of disease have revealed some important factors in their causation and one such established factor is that a primarily infected article may contaminate equipment and lead to secondary infection of other food products. is a factor which I am sure has become inculcate in the minds of most Medical Officers of Health as the result of advice on the subject by the Minister of Health in his Memorandum 188. Med. 1958. This sounds all very elementary but in practice how often are these principles observed? Among other important factors in the causation of food poisoning we must remember in the course of our investigations that a foodstuff or one of its ingredients may be primarily infected and the infection may survive the cooking or other preparation of the food. The amount of noxious material which survives cooking may be so small that no harm would result from immediate consumption but delay in consumption, inappropriate storage, including misuse of refrigeration, and bad handling can lead to such growth of organisms sometimes with the formation of enterotoxin, that disease would almost certainly follow. infection introduced by food handlers can survive and multiply in such products as cream, imitation cream, custard and table sweets, cold meat, meat products, soups and gravies. These foods can easily become dangerous under certain conditions of domestic storage although they would remain sound and comparatively free of risk if stored under ideal conditions in well equipped premises.

The Public Health Inspectors have found many bad foods during the year in the course of their duties and it is by taking samples and following these cases up promptly and taking appropriate action against the vendors of such foods that outbreaks of the disease have been prevented. The Food and Drugs Act, 1955, does not give power to Local Authorities to order a temporary closing of food premises to prevent the sale of food which may be infected. Powers are available to stop the sale of suspected food under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1953 to

require the exclusion from work of food handlers who are suffering from or are known carriers of certain food poisoning organisms.

The keen interest of our department in the subject of food hygiene led me once again to report in my annual report for 1963 on the subject of Public Health Laboratory Services. In a previous year I had also reported on this and commented that it was rather unsatisfactory from our point of view. In the 1963 report my comments were similar and I pointed out more precisely where our difficulties lay. In this district we are almost equidistant from 2 or 3 laboratories and the difficulty of collecting specimens and getting them to the Laboratory the same day has often presented us with a great problem and has sometimes precluded us from getting samples from ice-cream vans during the later part of the afternoon when they are most active. The whole problem was considered by the Council and in co-operation with several surrounding Authorities who gave full support an effort was made to get a small branch laboratory established somewhere locally even if it had to be linked with the laboratory service at the new Wexham Hospital now being built. We were anxious to have a service more accessible and if possible one which could deal with cooked meats etc., which we have long felt was one of the main dangers during the summer months. At length however after the matter had been duly considered at top level we were informed that no improvement could be anticipated as it would not be practicable to establish another laboratory in this area. Therefore we are now back where we started and have had to resolve (reluctantly) to use private cars or Council cars as necessary to convey specimens to the Reading Laboratory. I think it would be fair to mention that we were at no time dissatisfied with the quality of the service at Reading Laboratory and that our difficulties arose mainly from our geographical position.

During the year the subject of Health Education has occupied our minds following the stimulus of the Report of the Joint Committee of the Central and Scottish Health Services Council on this The development of "health sense" is not in the first instance a matter of learning factual data but is much rather a matter of developing subconscious attitudes and the time for this is the early years of childhood. In fact, pre-school life and Primary School is probably the opportune time for this attitude to be founded. A child's formation of subconscious attitudes develops rapidly during the first few months of life and it is believed by many people to have reached its peak before the age of five. Social training in infancy is health education in its early stages. The influence of parents at this early stage of health education is obviously paramount and the home environment can have a profound and lasting influence on the subsequent development of this attitude. The influence however is not confined to the home but extends throughout school life. If a school child comes from a good home the influence of the school will reinforce that of the parents, but in the course of our work we have encountered unsatisfactory homes and then the school has a difficult and delicate task to perform so far as this

subject is concerned. A planned programme of health education should not be aimed only at schools but must include all the available opportunities of working with and through the parents. sphere the School Nurse/Health Visitor is part of the health education team. The School Nurse/Health Visitor visits the homes to advise on child care and nursing and also meets parents at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics. She is able to follow a child's life from infancy right through his school career. specialised training is nowadays more and more designed to teach others the basic and essential factors of health. It is the health visitor working in co-operation with the Health Education Organiser who is specially trained in this subject who will be the hub of any team for developing this work. During recent months the Chief Public Health Inspector and his deputy have both helped in this field of work by giving talks to one or two senior schools and I arranged for the Health Education Organiser to give some instruction on the National Health Service at a Comprehensive School. addition we have continued throughout the year to further our efforts by distributing propaganda posters to those who have the facilities to display them. During the year a number of cases of aged persons living in

unsatisfactory conditions have been brought to my notice and happily I have been able to help in some way in most cases even if my duties in this respect amount to nothing more than a liaison officer. It has not been necessary in any case to invoke Section 47 of the National Assistance Act 1948 which I am sure is a matter of great relief not only to the suffering patient but to our department and myself as I for one have no longer any faith in the value of this The Welfare Services do a great deal to help these aged persons and to make it possible for them to remain at home instead of going into institutions. Many have to accept institutional care but this should in all cases be accepted voluntarily by the person concerned. The only exception to this is of course those who are no longer capable of deciding for themselves. As regards our local Home Help Services I am led to believe that it is much too expensive for many old people to accept. The information passed to me from time to time would indicate that there must be something wrong with the scale of charges. The service in the opinion of many people should be free to all old age pensioners who can produce a medical certificate to confirm that it is required because

The early detection of cancer of the uterus is a subject on which the Minister of Health has been advised by his Standing Advisory Committee and it has been recommended that the provision of cytological facilities in hospital pathology departments should be accelerated. It is further advised that for the present, expansion of the cytology services should be organised to meet the needs of hospital clinics and of general practitioners. The Minister has

of a medical condition or due simply to age and infirmity and this should not be subject to a means test which appears to be the case

at present.

asked the Regional Hospital Boards to treat this service as one of recognised importance for the future and to decide the degree of priority to be given to hospital cytology services. It is the intention that the service should ultimately provide for the examination of all women between the ages of 35 to 60 at five yearly intervals and also provide facilities for all gynaecological out-patients. This Council was asked by a neighbouring authority to support their efforts to get a better service at their local general hospital which also serves this district. Our Council rightly gave full support but eventually we were informed that financial considerations precluded any immediate improvement, and later it was pointed out that the difficulty of getting properly trained staff for this specialised work would undoubtedly be a further cause of delay.

The support we have always received from Members in all matters of public health is greatly appreciated, and I wish to thank the staff of the department who have worked hard and shown keen

interest in maintaining our present high standard.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

G. M. Hobbin,

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION 1

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (Land and Inland Water) Number of inhabited houses	• •	20.01	7 acres.
Rateable value		£4,25	
Product of Penny Rate 1963/64		£17,4	
Population (Registrar General's e year 1964)	estimation for	mid- 70,11	0
year 1704)	• • • •	70,11	O
VITAL ST	TATISTICS		
Live Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	590	531	1,121
Illegitimate	30	22	52
	620	553	1,173
Live birth rate per 1,000 pop	oulation		16.7
	• •		18.4
Comparability Factor Illegitimate live births per ce			0.93
Fig. 1			
Still Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	7	8	15
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	8	9	17
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Still birth rate per 1,000 tota Still birth rate per 1,000 pop			14.29 0.24
National rate per 1,000 total		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1 (0
Total live and still births			1,190
Infant Mortality (Deaths of Infan	ots under 1 ve	ear of age)	
imant wortanty (Deaths of Infar	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate		12	19
Illegitimate	1		1
	8	12	20
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,0	— 000 live hirth		17.1
Legitimate infant deaths per			
Illegitimate infant deaths per			19.23
National Rate		• • • • • •	20.0

Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths of Infan	nts under 4 w	eeks of ag	e)
	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	6	11	17
Illegitimate	1		1
	7	11	18
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1	,000 live birth	hs	15.3
Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths o	of Infants und	ler I week)	
	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	5	10	15
Illegitimate	_	_	-
	5	10	15
	1,000,1	1 1	10.00
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	e per 1,000 liv	e births	12.60
	1 1 ,1	1 1	1.
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths			
Number of stillbirths and deaths Peri-Natal Mortality Rate per			32
births	i,000 total li	ve and stin	26.89
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		
Maternal Mortality			
Total from all causes (including	abortion)		1
Death Rate per 1,000 live and st			0 0 1
National Rate			Nil
Deaths	Male	Female	Total
Number of deaths	284	255	539
Crude death rate per 1,000 popu	ulation		7.7
Corrected Death Rate – allow			
(Comparability Factor=1.20	_		9.7
National Rate Ratio of corrected death rate to			117
			11.3 0.86

CAUSES OF DEATH in the Eton Rural District during 1964

		Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-		_
2.	Tuberculosis, other	_	-	
3.	Syphilitic disease	1		1
4.	Diphtheria		_	_
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-	
6.	Meningococcal Infections	_	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis		-	_
8.	Measles		_	_
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	1		1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	6	8
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	29	6	35
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	13	14
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	4	4
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neo-			
	plasm	29	36	65
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	_	1
16.	Diabetes	2	2	4
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	29	37	66
18.	Coronary disease, angina	74	42	116
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	3	1	4
20.	Other heart disease	23	26	49
21.	Other circulatory disease	11	11	22
22.	Influenza	1	_	1
23.	Pneumonia	15	19	34
24.	Bronchitis	10	11	21
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	1	_	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3		3
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	_	2	2
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	4	1	5
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	1		1
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1	1
31.	Congenital malformations	3	1	4
32.	Other defined and ill defined diseases	19	23	42
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	10	6	16
34.	All other accidents	7	6	13
35.	Suicide	4	1	5
36.	Homicide and operations of war			-
	^		pagement of the last	
	All Causes: Totals:	284	255	539

TABLE I

Deaths and Death Rates per 1,000 Population from Principal Causes 1960-1964

	19	1960	19	1961	19	1962	61	1963	61	1964
Disease	No. of deaths	Death rate								
T.B. Respiratory	3	0.05	2	0.03	8	0.04	2	0.02	1	1
Malignant diseases of all types	127	1.98	125	1.87	127	1.76	140	2.01	126	1.79
Diseases of heart-all types	180	2.81	190	2.84	220	3.25	190	2.74	169	2.41
Pneumonia	30	0.48	21	0.31	34	0.49	29	0.40	34	0.48
Bronchitis	21	0.33	81	0.27	27	0.38	19	0.27	21	0.30
Suicide	2	0.03	4	0.05	10	0.14	2	0.07	2	0.07
Diabetes	5	0.05	ı	l	ю	0.04	8	0.07	4	90.0
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	63	0.99	75	1.09	29	0.098	92	1.09	99	0.94

TABLE II

Comparison of Local and National Birth Rates, Death Rates and Infant Mortality Rates from 1954-1964

					the second second			A TOTAL OF THE SECOND SECOND	
Year		Birth per 1,000	Birth Rates per 1,000 Population		Death per 1,000	Death Rates per 1,000 Population	In (i.	ifant Mor e. under 1 oer 1,000	Infant Mortality Rates (i.e. under 1 year of age) per 1,000 Live Births
	Eton Run	Eton Rural District	England and Wales	Eton Rural	al District	England and Wales	Eton Rural District	District	England and Wales
1954	16.8	(732)	15.2	8.9	(405)	11.3	27.2	(20)	25.5
1955	16.2	(69L)	15.0	9.24	(436)	11.7	26.0	(20)	24.0
1956	18.5	(931)	15.7	8.6	(435)	11.7	22.6	(21)	23.8
1957	18.6	(966)	16.1	9.4	(502)	11.5	25.1	(25)	23.0
1958	17.6	(1000)	16.4	8.5	(485)	11.7	15.9	(16)	22.5
1959	19.5	(1189)	16.5	8.1	(491)	11.6	24.4	(29)	22.0
1960	18.5	(1186)	1.	8.5	(546)	11.5	22.8	(27)	21.7
1961	17.3	(1157)	17.4	6.7	(528)	12.0	19.0	(22)	21.4
1962	18.4	(1261)	18.0	8.7	(965)	11.9	23.8	(30)	21.4
1963	17.2	(1191)	18.2	8.8	(613)	12.2	16.8	(20)	20.9
1964	16.7	(1173)	18.4	7.7	(539)	11.3	17.1	(20)	20.0
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NOTE: The actual numbers are given in parenthesis for the purpose of clearer comparison.

TABLE III

Causes of Death of all Infants under 1 year of age, and Analysis of Age at Death

(From local returns before correction to place or residence)

Total under 1 year	33	geometri)	29	I	7	40
9–12 nionths	ſ	Ī	i	i	8	3
6–9 months						_
3–6 months	-		-	I	ı	-
4 weeks- 3 months	I	examp	I		I	-
Total under 4 weeks	2	-	29	Î	8	35
1–4 weeks	7		-		7	4
1-7 days		- -(4	ı	 (9
0-1 day	1	-	25	mana		25
	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cause	Pneumonia	Congenital Malformations	Prematurity	Other developmental conditions	All other causes	Totals

SECTION II TUBERCULOSIS — TABLE IV

	Number Admitted to Hospital	Previously Notified	I	1	1			1	-	I	J	2
	Number to	New Cases	l	l	I	I	2	l	I	7	J	4
		Combined Totals	Ι		·	Е	Е	2	J	2	I	12
dmissions	Non-Pulmonary	Total	1	I	I	I	y	1	I	ı	2	_
d Hospital Ac	Non-Pu	Female	J	J	J	J	Pendig	I	I	ı	l	
New Cases and Hospital Admissions		Male		J	ı	J	*	ı	I	ı	I	J
N		Total			-	т	2	2	I	2	l	yama
	Pulmonary	Female		l	I	ç	Vicinit	posed	ļ		I	4
		Male		Avenue	quand	2	-	-	ı	-	I	7
	sp	Agency, de grange, de matrie en matri			•	•		•	•		•	·
	Age Periods		0- 1 year	1- 5 years	5-15 years	15-25 years	25-35 years	35-45 years	45-55 years	55-65 years	65 and over	Totals

NOTIFICATION REGISTER — TABLE V

						,	The state of the s
		Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary	ry	Combined
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Totals
Number on register at 1st January, 1964	43	84	91	68	75	164	255
Number entered by Primary Notification	7	4		l		voor d	12
Number entered other than by Primary Notification	13	9	61	ı	1	ŀ	19
Number removed from register due to:-							
(a) Death		l	fermal	l	ı	l	_
(b) Removal from district	9	4	10	ļ	!	ě	10
(c) Denotification	21	20	41	61	52	113	154
Number on register at 31.12.64	35	34	69	28	24	52	121

MORTALITY — TABLE VI

Comparison of Deaths from Tuberculosis during 1964 with Previous Years

Death Rate per	1,000 I opananon	0.44	I	0.08	0.05	0.05	80.0	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.03	1
Combined	Totals	2		4	8	8	\$	8	2	3	2	-
Ą	Total		I	_	I	I	ı	I	I	I	I	1
Non-Pulmonary	Female	quand	I		I	1	l	I	I	1	I	
Z	Male		1	-	1	I	I	I	1	1	ı	_
	Total	_	I	3	8	8	5	3	2	3	2	
Pulmonary	Female]	2	1	_		I	quare est	I	1	J
	Male	genand	I	y1	3	2	4	8	-	3	2	
Population	10 paraion	45,240	47,190	50,460	53,500	57,300	60,920	63,960	66,840	68,630	69,330	70,110
Your		1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	0961	1961	1962	1963	1964

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Site of Infection — Glands of Neck

SECTION III

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

During the year the following samples and specimens were sent to the Public Health Laboratory.

Water Ice Cream Faeces Urine Nasal swabs Throat swal	•••	•••	•••	• •	206 84 53 1 2 4	(inclu	ding l	ollies)
Authenticati Numbe	 				• •			170
Staff Exami		dically	exami	ned			• •	73

SECTION IV

TABLE VII

Prevalence of Notifiable Diseases
Showing cases notified during 1964, numbers admitted to hospitals and deaths. Also notifications 1954 – 1963.

	1954	000	4	-	29	1	33	42	39	23	S	72
	1955	14	2	9	7111	l	26	57	28	32	9	32
	1956	10	4	4	71	_	61	77	18	30	7	43
	1957	9	ν,	6	693	1	19	92	39	26	9	53
tions	1958	5	-	9	126	7	22	80	44	26	7	96
Notifications	1959	3	3	9	1,003	4	27	89	102	27	8	32
	1960	4	4	4	27	7	4	79	84	22	=	∞
	1961	12	2	2	1,352		6	53	17	31	6	30
	1962	10		I	172	I	7	47	2	17	2	16
	1963	10	-	1	962	-	4	32	61	18	_	27
Deaths		1	1	1	1	1	34	1	1	1	I	1
Cases Admitted	Hospital		1	_	2	9	2	39	2	4	I	1
Cases	1964	9	-	9	172	9	4	39	19			36
Disease		Dysentery	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	(Non-Pulmonary)	Whooping Cough

TABLE VIII

Analysis of Notifiable Diseases in Age Groups

	Over 65	1	1	1	ŧ	1	1	1	ł	1
	45-65		whereig	m	I	I	4	1	1	_
	35-45	1	1	I	l	I	1	2	1	_
	25–35	1	I	ſ	4	1	1	25	I	l
rified	15-25		1	1	4	I	1	12	1	3
Ages in Years of Cases Notified	10-15	3	1	1	2	l	I	en.	2	4
ı Years of	5-10	3	1	-	83	ſ	1	1	10	6
Ages ii	4-5		Į	į	24	1	1	ſ	т	4
	3-4	1	1	ſ	21	ſ	1	1	т	7
	2-3	ı	1	,	4	1	1	1	-	2
	1-2		ſ	Ī	13	1	1	4	1	1
	Under 1 year	1	-		7	9	1	1	S I	9
	Disease	Dysentery	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough

N.B.—Tuberculosis is shown in a separate table.

TABLE IX

Showing Monthly Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Dec.	1	1	l	48	1	l	2	2	l	1	4
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TABLE X

Showing Cases of Notifiable Diseases occurring in each Parish

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Horton	ı	I	I	-	ı	I	I	ı	ı	I	I
Hedger- ley	I	ı	I	2	1	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı
Gerrards Hedger- Cross ley	ı	I	I	23	I	J	1	I	Among	I	6
Fulmer	ı	1	1	I	I	J	I	ı	l	ı	ı
Farnham Royal	I	ı	I	1	2	l	31	I	—	ı	I
Dorney	I	I	ı	I	I	i	ı	ı	l	l	ı
<i>Denham</i>	5		4	20	J	I	I	4	ı	I	7
Datchet Denham	I	ı	i	9	ı	ı	ı	I	l	I	ı
Burn- ham	I	l	I	102	ı	I	1	m	2	—	10
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VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

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Year of Birth	1964	1963	1962	1961	1961 1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	15+	Total
Primary Diphtheria	wante	ı	I	1	1	I	State of Sta	_	_	7	7	(Principle)	1	1	1	1		~
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", Diphtheria, Whooping Cough	3	19	7	-	_		1	l	I	I	l	-	l	I	, 1	E	1	33
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Primary Whooping Cough		ı	ı	I	ı	-	ı	ı	1	1	l		İ	1	I	ı	1	_
Primary Tetanus	1	3	5	æ	13	10	13	5	5	∞	13		7	n	7	3	44	153
Totals	121	908	444	29	35	351	446	51	20	17	403	215	26	5	6	3	44	3,063

SMALLPOX

Total	629	28	707
15 and over	I	-	-
5—14 years	91	20	36
2—4 years	4	9	47
l year	524	_	525
9—12 months	59	ı	59
6—9 months	16	I	91
3—6 months	17	l .	17
0—3 months	9	ı	9

Vaccination ...

Re-Vaccination

SECTION V

WATER

The following details have been supplied by the Water Under-takings:-

The Burnham, Dorney and Hitcham Waterworks Co. Ltd.

Mains laid—

Clonmel Site, Gore Road, Burnham	• •	112 yds. of 3-in.
" " " " " "	• •	666 yds. of 4-in.
Minnicroft, Gore Road, Burnham		18 yds. of 4-in.
Vicarage Site, Burnham		324 yds. of 4-in.
Long Drive, Stage 2, Dropmore Road,		•
Burnham		261 yds. of 4-in.
Off Kingsway, Farnham Common		86 yds. of 3-in.
Langtons Cottage, Templewood Lane,		•
Farnham Common		100 yds. of 3-in.
Penns Folly, Church Road, Taplow		194 yds. of 4-in.
School, Rectory Road, Taplow		80 yds. of 3-in.
Recreation Ground Site, Burnham		619 yds. of 4-in.
Sospel Site, Beaconsfield Road, Farnl	nam	·
Royal		232 yds. of 4-in.
Mead Farm Site, Farnham Common		99 yds. of 3-in.
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In addition 396 yds. of 12-in. trunk main was laid in Taplow.

An ample supply of water has been maintained throughout the year, 546 million gallons having been consumed.

The treatment consists of super-chlorination to 0.5 ppm for 30 minutes and dechlorination automatically controlled to leave a residual of 0.15 ppm.

If the final chlorination residual exceeds 0.4 ppm or falls to 0.02 ppm the whole station automatically closes down.

BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER

CHEMICAL RESULTS IN PARTS PER MILLION (Mg./L)

Appearance: Bright with a	a few	Turbidity (A.P.H.A. units)	
	ticles	less t	han 3
Colour: (Hazen)	Nil	Odour:	Nil
pH:	7.3	Free Carbon Dioxide:	24
Electric Conductivity:	580	Dissolved Solids dried at	
Reciprocal Megohms per c	em.	180 ° C .∶	390
Chlorine present as		Alkalinity as Calcium	
Chloride:	30	Carbonate:	245

Hardness: Total:	310	Carbonate:	245
Nitrate Nitrogen:	5.8	Non-carbonate:	65
Ammoniacal Nitrogen:*	0.01	Nitrite Nitrogen:	Absent
Albuminoid Nitrogen:*	0.00	Oxygen Absorbed:	0.10
Metals: Iron, Zinc,		Residual Chlorine:	0.03
Copper, Lead: A	bsent		

^{*} to convert to Ammonia multiply by 1.21

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

Sampling bottles are treated to remove residual chlorine if present.

	1 day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20–22°C.
Number of Colonies developing on Agar	0 per ml.	0 per ml	. 0 per ml.
	n.	4.1	Most
	Present in	Absent from	probable number
Presumptive Coliform reaction	–per ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli (Type I) Cl. welchii reaction		100 ml. 100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance. neutral in reaction and free from iron and other metals. The water is very hard in character but not excessively so, it contains no excess of mineral constituents and it is of the highest standard of organic and bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

Borough of Slough

Mains laid -

Farthing Green Lane, Stoke P	oges		70 yds. of 3-in.
Duffield Lane, Stoke Poges			110 yds. of 4-in.
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,			88 yds. of 3-in.
Ditton Park Road, Datchet	• •	• •	440 yds. of 3-in.
Broom Hill, Stoke Poges	• •	• •	42 yds. of 3-in.
Chapel Lane, Stoke Poges	• •		50 ins. of 5 in.
Church Lane, Wexham	• •		70 ins of $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.

The water is treated with chlorine and sulphur dioxide before passing into the mains.

Quantity and pressure were adequate for all purposes and no restrictions were imposed during 1964.

RESULTS IN PARTS PER MILLION (Mg./L)

Appearance: Bright wi	ith a few	Turbidity: 1	ess than 3
	particles	Odour:	Nil
Colour:	Nil	Free Carbon Dioxide:	14
pH:	7.5	Dissolved Solids dried	at
Electric Conductivity:	655	180 ° C .∶	470
Chlorine present as		Carbonate:	240
Chloride:	38	Non-carbonate:	80
Hardness: Total:	320	Alkalinity as Calcium	
Nitrate Nitrogen:	3.0	Carbonate:	240
Ammoniacal Nitrogen:	* 0.01	Nitrite Nitrogen:	Absent
Albuminoid Nitrogen:		Oxygen Absorbed:	0.10
Metals: Iron, Zinc,		Residual Chlorine:	Absent
Copper, Lead:	Absent	Silica:	20
Fluoride (F):	0.7		

^{*} to convert to Ammonia multiply by 1.21

MINERAL ANALYSIS (after filtration if necessary)

(Parts per million and milliquivalents per litre)

Cati	ons	An	ions
p.p.m.	mEq./1	p.p.m.	mEq./1
Ca 113	5.6	CO_3 144	4.8
Mg 9	0.75	SO_4 90	1.9
Na 37	1.6	C1 38	1.05
K 6	0.15	NO_3 13	0.2
Total	8.1		8.0

Hypothetical Combinations

	p.p.m.	mEq./1
Calcium carbonate	240	4.8
Calcium sulphate	54	0.8
Magnesium Sulphate	e 45	0.75
Sodium sulphate	25	0.35
Sodium nitrate	18	0.2
Sodium chloride	54	0.9
Potassium chloride	11	0.15
Silica	20	
Total	467	8.0

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

Sampling bottles are treated to remove residual chlorine if present.

	1 day at	2 days at	•
Number of colonies developing	37 °C.	37 °C.	20–22°C.
on Agar per ml. in	0	0	0

	Present	Absent	Probable
	in	from	number
Presumptive Coliform reaction	– ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli (Type I)	. – ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
C1. welchii reaction	. – ml.	100 ml.	•

The above sample of water is bright and clear in appearance and of a high degree of bacterial purity and may be considered fit for drinking and domestic purposes.

Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company

Mains laid -

Oxford Road, Gerrards Cross 194 yds. of 6	<i>)</i> -111.
Thornbridge Road, Iver 86 yds. of	4-in.
Off Howards Thicket, Gerrards Cross 86 yds. of 2	2-in.
Ridge Way, Iver 185 yds. of 6	5-in.
,, ,, ,, 10 yds. of	4-in.
Off Savay Lane, Denham 108 yds. of	4-in.
North Orbital Road, Denham 304 yds. of 30	6-in.
,, ,, ,, ,, 550 yds. of 30	O-in.
,, ,, ,, ,, 81 yds. of 24	4-in.
Off Dukes Ridge, Gerrards Cross 90 yds. of 2	2-in.
Cheyne Park, Gerrards Cross 179 yds. of	4-in.

CHEMICAL EXAMINATION OF A SAMPLE OF WATER

Colour:	Nil (Hazen)	Chloride (C1):	19 ppm.
Turbidity (Si0 ₂):	Nil ppm.	Alkalinity (CaC0 ₃):	260 ppm.
Odour:	Nil	Hardness (CaC0 ₃):	
Taste:	Normal	Carbonate:	260 ppm.
pH:	7.5	Non-carbonate:	20 ppm.
Electrical Conductiv	ity:	Total:	280 ppm.
	(20°) 540	Residual Chlorine (C	$C1_2$):
Total Solids (180°C)	: 365 ppm.		.08 ppm.
Nitrate (N):	3.2 ppm.	Copper:	.02 ppm.
Nitrite (N):	.006 ppm.	Iron:	Nil ppm.
Ammonia (N):	.006 ppm.	Zinc:	.1 ppm.
Albuminoid Nitroger	n (N):		
_	.004 ppm.		

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF A SAMPLE OF WATER

Colonies per ml. 2 days 37°C		1
Colonies per ml. 3 days 20°C	• •	0
Coli-aerogenes, probable number per 100 ml.		0
E.Coli I. probable number per 100 ml		0

This water is moderately hard in character but contains no excess of mineral or saline constituents in solution. It conforms to the highest standards of bacterial and organic purity.

(1) Name of Swimming Pool or Bathing place	(2) Controlled by	(3) Date	(4) Result	(5) Remarks
Burnham Grammar School (Inlet) Burnham Park Rehabilitation Centre (Inlet) Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre (Inlet) Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital (Outlet) Burnham Beeches (Main Pool) (Inlet) Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre (Outlet) Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre (Outlet) Burnham Grammar School (Inlet) Warren Fields School, Burnham (Inlet) Burnham Beeches (Kiddies Pool) (Inlet) Warren Fields School, Burnham (Outlet) Burnham Beeches (Kiddies Pool) (Inlet) Warren Fields School, Burnham (Deep End) Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre (Inlet) Warren Fields School, Burnham (Outlet) Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre (Inlet)	Eton Divisional Executive Committee Eton Divisional Executive Committee Windsor Group Management Comm. Windsor Group Management Comm. Privately owned Windsor Group Management Comm. Eton Divisional Executive Committee Windsor Group Management Comm. Eton Divisional Executive Committee Windsor Group Management Comm. Eton Divisional Executive Committee Windsor Group Management Comm.	8.7.64 14.7.64 11.8.64 11.8.64 11.8.64 11.8.64 16.9.64 16.9.64 16.9.64 16.9.64 16.9.64 16.9.64 16.9.64 16.9.64 17.10.64 17.10.64 16.12.64 16.12.64	Satisfactory Satisfactory Satisfactory Satisfactory Satisfactory Satisfactory Satisfactory Satisfactory Unsatisfactory Satisfactory	

BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES COLLECTED FROM WATER UNDERTAKINGS

(1) Parish	(2) Water Undertaking	(3) Date	(4) Result	(5) Remarks
Wraysbury	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co Slough Borough Water Department	18.3.64	Satisfactory Satisfactory	
1 APLOW DATCHET	a) .	21.5.64	Satisfactory Satisfactory	
FULMER GERRARDS CROSS FARNHAM ROYAL	Rickmansworth & Oxbridge Valley water Co Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co Burnham, Dorney & Hitcham Water Co	10.6.64	Satisfactory Satisfactory Satisfactory	
STOKE POGES DATCHET	Slough Borough Water Department Slough Borough Water Department	14.7.64	Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	
WRAYSBURY WRAYSBURY	Rickmansworth & Oxbridge Valley Water Co Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co	11.8.64	Satisfactory Satisfactory Satisfactory	
DATCHET	Water Department Water Department	11.8.64	Satisfactory Satisfactory	
DATCHET GERRARDS CROSS	Slough Borough Water Department Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co	18.8.64 23.9.64	Satisfactory Satisfactory	
BURNHAM TAPLOW TAPLOW TAPLOW	Marlow Water Co Surnham Dorney & Hitcham Water Co	14.10.64	Satisfactory Satisfactory Satisfactory	
DATCHET STOKE POGES	ater Department		Satisfactory Satisfactory	
GERRARDS CROSS FARNHAM COMMON	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co Burnham, Dorney & Hitcham Water Co Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co	18.11.64 18.11.64 26.11.64	Satisfactory Satisfactory Satisfactory	
HORTON	& Uxbridge Valley Water (& Uxbridge Valley Water (26.11.64 16.12.64	Satisfactory Satisfactory	
Hedgerley	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co	16.12.64	Satisfactory	

The result of the unsatisfactory sample taken from a drinking fountain on the waterfront at Datchet was submitted to the water undertaking and further samples taken by them on examination proved to be satisfactory.

Total number examined == 27

WATER SUPPLIES USED FOR DRINKING AND DOMESTIC PURPOSES

Samples Taken Other Than From Mains

Type of Sample Taken	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Doubtful	Total
Bacteriological	23	95	m	121
Chemical	S	36	4	45

- (a) Apart from a comparatively small number of shallow wells, principally in the Parish of Wraysbury, supplying drinking and domestic needs to dwellinghouses and which either on bacteriological or chemical examination or both have been found unsatisfactory, the water supply of the area generally and of its several parts has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.
- (b) The data set out in this Report in relation to piped water supply, i.e. mains supply, indicates the scale of routine sampling for bacteriological examination carried out of water going into supply. Reports on the analyses of raw and treated water are included.
- (c) The results of analyses of mains water supply do not indicate any liability to have plumbo-solvent action.
- (d) Contamination of mains supply did not arise consequently no action was found necessary. However in the case of domestic supplies from shallow wells where examination revealed contamination the first step taken was to advise dwellinghouse occupants of the necessity of boiling water before use for drinking. Secondly, the taking of check samples and if still unsatisfactory an approach to the owner of the property involved was made suggesting, depending upon circumstances, means of removing the sources of contamination or alternatively deepening the well or bore.
- (e) The following table sets out the approximate number of dwellinghouses and the estimated population, broken down into parishes, supplied from public mains direct to houses and the number on wells supplies. So far as is known there are no dwellinghouses supplied from communal water standpipes.

Parish	(a) Estimated No. of dwelling- liouses in each parish	(b) Approx. No. of dwelling- houses on private well	(c) Dwelling- houses on Public Mains	(d) Estimated population served by dwelling- liouses in column (c)
Burnham Datchet Denham Dorney Farnham Royal Fulmer Gerrards Cross Hedgerley Horton and Wraysbury Iver Stoke Poges Taplow Wexham	4,654 1,350 2,114 275 1,286 234 1,745 282 1,470 3,133 1,230 590 1,650		4,654 1,342 2,114 275 1,286 226 1,743 281 1,340 3,133 1,228 569 1,650	16,210 4,660 7,465 800 3,780 600 6,310 750 4,575 11,750 4,380 1,870 6,960

SECTION VI

GENERAL SANITATION

(a) Sewer Construction in progress during the year.

- (1) Burnham, Taplow and Dorney Main Drainage.

 The first stage of this Scheme, which includes the majority of Taplow Parish, has proceeded during the year. About 80% of the sewers have been laid and at December, 1964, none were in use.
- (2) Burnham Sewage Works Reconstruction.

 The reconstruction of this works was virtually completed and in use by December, 1964.
- (3) Wraysbury and Horton Main Drainage.

 The first stage of this Scheme, Wraysbury Road, Gloucester Drive and Lammas Drive, was completed and put in use during the year.
- (4) Linkswood Road Main Drainage.
 This Scheme was completed and put in use during the year.
- (5) Stoke Poges and Wexham Main Drainage.
 Stage 3 of this Scheme, Hockley Lane area, has been completed and put in use during the year. Stage 4, Park Road area, has been 90% completed.

(b) Schemes proposed for 1965.

- (1) Wraysbury and Horton Main Drainage.
 Stage 2 of this Scheme, the Hythe End area, is expected to start in the Spring.
- (2) Camp Road Main Drainage.
 This Scheme is being submitted to the Ministry and may start during the year.
- (3) Datchet Main Drainage.
 This Scheme is being submitted to the Ministry but will not start during 1965.
- (4) Stoke Poges and Wexham Main Drainage.
 Stages 5 and 6 of this Scheme will be submitted to the Ministry during the year.
- (5) Gerrards Cross Sewage Works Reconstruction.
 This Scheme may be submitted to the Ministry during the year.
- (6) Fulmer Main Drainage (Park Springs only).
 This Scheme may be submitted to the Ministry during the year.

SECTION VII

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES Maternity and Child Welfare

Centre	I ocation	Sessions	Sessions with Medical Officer
Burnham	Village Hall, Gore Road	Each Wednesday	1st & 3rd Wednesday
Burnham (Lent Rise)	Methodist Hall, Lent Rise	2nd & 4th Thursday	2nd & 4th Thursday
Burnham	Health Centre, Wentworth Avenue, Britwell Estate	Each Tuesday and Friday	Each Friday
Colnbrook	Assembly Rooms	2nd & 4th Tuesday	4th Tuesday
Datchet	Village Hall, Churchmead School	2nd & 4th Wednesday	Each Session
Denham	Health Centre, Oxford Road	Each Wednesday	1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday
Dorney	Village Hall	1st & 3rd Tuesday	1st Tuesday
Farnham Common	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	4th Monday
Farnham Royal	Village Hall	Each Thursday	2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday
Gerrards Cross	British Legion Hall	1st & 3rd Friday	3rd Friday
Horton	Champneys Hall	1st & 3rd Wednesday	1st Wednesday
Iver	Church Institute Thorney Lane	1st & 3rd Wednesday	3rd Wednesday
Iver (Richings Park)	St. Leonards Church Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	2nd Monday
Iver Heath	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Wednesday	4th Wednesday
Stoke Poges	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Tuesday	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Wraysbury	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Thursday	2nd Thursday
Wexham	Health Centre Knolton Way, Wexham Court Estate	Every Friday	Every Friday

CLINICS

Tuberculosis

The Chest Clinic is at Upton Hospital, Slough where appointments can be made with the Physician in Charge. Telephone No.: Slough 23261.

Venereal Diseases

King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor.

Hillingdon Hospital.

Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

Family Planning Clinics

Slough Upton Hospital, Slough

Monday: 6 p.m.—7.30 p.m. Tuesday: 6 p.m.—7.30 p.m. Wednesday: 9 a.m.—10 a.m.

Slough Health Centre

Burlington Road.

Friday: 2.15 p.m.—4 p.m. Wednesday: 10 a.m.—12 noon

High Wycombe Health Centre,

The Rye.

Tuesday: 2 p.m.

Ante and Post Natal Clinics

King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor	Ante-Natal	Monday mornings
King Edward VII Hospital, Old Windsor Unit	Ante- and Post- Natal	Wednesday and Friday mornings
Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow	Ante-Natal	Thursday and Monday mornings. (Held at Upton Hospital, Slough)
Colinswood Maternity Home, Farnham Common	Ante- and Post- Natal	Clinics every day except Saturday and Sunday
Upton Hospital, Slough	Ante-Natal	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday at 1.45 p.m. onwards
	Post-Natal	Friday afternoon 2 p.m.

Registered Nursing Homes

Location and further particulars of registered nursing homes in the district may be obtained from the Medical Officer of Health.

HOSPITALS

The area is served by the following hospitals:-

General Hospitals

Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berks.

King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, Berks.

Old Windsor Hospital, Crimp Hill, Old Windsor, Berks.

Upton Hospital, Slough, Bucks.

Maidenhead General Hospital, Maidenhead, Berks.

Infectious Diseases Hospitals

Maidenhead General Hospital, Maidenhead. St. John's Hospital, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

Chronic Sick

St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead. Old Windsor Hospital, Old Windsor, Berks.

Part III Accommodation

Upton Hospital, Slough. Old Windsor Hospital, Old Windsor, Berks.

Maternity Accommodation

Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow. Colinswood Maternity Home, Farnham Common, Bucks. Old Windsor Hospital, Crimp Hill, Old Windsor, Berks. Upton Hospital, Slough.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the Year 1964

MADAM CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I am pleased to present my contribution to the Annual Report for 1964. As will be noted every aspect of the Department's statutory duties was covered and routine inspections of premises well maintained.

Some items call for comment. The number of consumer complaints relating to unfit and alien matter in food increased considerably. It is of some significance that this increase was markedly so at the time of and following the Aberdeen typhoid outbreak. The publicity given to that outbreak undoubtedly stimulated public conscience as to food hygiene. Experience shows that public alertness to bad habits and practices, their being reported and the investigation that follows secures improved standards in the production, distribution and handling of food. Complaints received were all reported to the Public Health & Cleansing Committee who variously decided either to take no action, send a warning letter or institute legal proceedings, usually depending upon the apparent degree of negligence involved. It should be recorded that on the whole the food trade co-operated wholeheartedly in the investigation of complaints and were keen to find and remedy the cause of troubles found. In this connection one particularly gratifying case was dealt with during the year which underlined the value of close co-operation with food manufacturers. Following a complaint of unfit canned corned beef a survey of stocks in shops in the district revealed that there was a weakness in the opening strip allowing easy rupture when subjected to pressure or damage. Also a high proportion of cans was found to be arriving at shops in a damaged condition. Representations were made to the manufacturers who, with the help of the can and cardboard case manufacturers and an independent research laboratory, carried out many highly technical tests which resulted in a complete change of can opening strip and a much stronger, re-

A notable achievement during the year was the opening up of the Council's Mansion Lane Caravan Site set up to habilitate "travellers" and their kin. This step was the culmination of the Council's policy of adopting a positive approach to the many

problems, social, public health and amenity, which over a long period of years had plagued the Council. Inevitably at the start there was some bad behaviour on the site but most traveller families responded and respected their new environment. As the months progressed there was a marked improvement and one felt that all the hard work that had been put into this Authority's contribution to what is a national problem had been worth while. "Travellers" are still attracted to the district and until other authorities in England with comparable problems set up sites there will still be seen from time to time throughout the Council's district on laybys and road verges colonies of "travellers" from other areas.

In previous Annual Reports there has been reference to nuisances created at refuse disposal tips within the district where large quantities of material are received from London boroughs. Regretfully there were nuisances from time to time throughout 1964 and much officer time was occupied in securing improvements. Added to the fly, dust and smell nuisances there arose further problems following the tipping of semi-solid toxic industrial wastes and pollution of ground springs. It is relevant to mention that the Ministry of Housing and Local Government has formed a Technical Committee to investigate the problems associated with the disposal of solid and semi-solid toxic wastes and on invitation written evidence on this Council's experiences was supplied by the Department to the Ministry.

Again I wish to place on record my appreciation of the help and guidance given to me by the Clerk and other Chief Officers, also I want to take the opportunity of thanking the staff for their

loyal services.

1 am,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. H. V. Marsden, Chief Public Health Inspector.

SECTION VIII

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice Cream

2 new applications were received for the storage and sale of ice cream making a total of 159 on the Register.

69 samples of ice cream and 13 samples of iced lollies were submitted for examination with the under-mentioned results:

Ice Cream		
Grade I	 	 59
Grade II	 	 6
Grade III	 	 4
Grade IV		

At the premises where the Grade III samples were obtained the facilities for storing and handling were checked and further samples taken were subsequently placed in Provisional Grade I.

Iced Lollies

All were satisfactory.

No new applications were received during the year for the registration of premises for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale leaving a total of 32 on the Register.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

(Mouldy)

25 complaints of unfit and alien matter in food were reported to the Department. The following action was taken:—

SECTION 2.		
Piece of wire in bread	Purchased in Burnham	Fined £20.0.0d.
Insect in loaf of bread	Purchased in Denham	Warning letter
Razor blade in bottle of Orange Juice	Purchased in Denham	Fined £20.0.0d.
Oily substance in bottle of milk	Purchased in Dorney	Warning letter
French Fried Potatoes (Mouldy)	Purchased in Burnham	Legal proceed- ings pending
Maggot in Chocolates	Purchased in Stoke Poges	Fined £50.0.0d.
Pork Pie (Mouldy)	Purchased in Datchet	Legal proceed- ings pending
Section 8		
Tin of Corned Beef	Purchased in Gerrards Cross	Warning letter
Steak and Kidney Pie	Collected from	Fined £30.0.0d.

mobile shop

Meat (Unfit)	Purchased in Iver Heath	Fined £50.0.0d.
Steak and Kidney Pie	Purchased in	Fined £20.0.0d.
(Strong smell)	Horton	
Frozen chicken	Purchased in	Warning letter
	Denham	_
Pack of pork sausages	Purchased in	Fined £20.0.0d.
(Mouldy)	Burnham	

Two complaints regarding dirty milk bottles resulted in warning letters being sent to the bottlers.

In the remaining 10 cases there was no further action.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

(a) Meat

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	Cattle except Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Number inspected	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
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(b) Other Foods (Surrendered and Condemned)

262 lbs. Meat

165 lbs. Meat Preparations

3 lbs. Fish

164 lbs. Tinned Fruit and Vegetables 1 ton Potatoes

The Department was called in on several occasions to advise on the contents of refrigerated cabinets where there had been mechanical or electrical failures. The following foods were surrendered as a result:-

- 114 lbs. Meat and Fish Preparations
- 30 lbs. Fish
- 32 lbs. Fish Preparations
- 52 lbs. Assorted Pastries
 - 2 Jars Cream

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKER YARDS, ETC.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

Renewals	 		6
New Licenses	 	• •	<u> </u>

Game Licences

Renewals	 	 13
New Licences	 	 1

The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958

As required by Article 31 the following Annual Return for the year under review was received from the occupier of the knacker's yard operating in the District.

Horses slaughtered 3 Horse carcases received 33

Conditions found were satisfactory on each of the several visits made to the premises.

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958

There is one licensed slaughterhouse only in the District the bulk of the meat being received from London. As required by the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, the statutory inspection was carried out and the conditions were satisfactory. The licence was again renewed to the end of the year.

SECTION IX

RODENT INFESTATION AND DESTRUCTION, ETC.

Notifications of Infestations	 	 503
Visits to private premises	 	 1,368
Visits to business premises	 	 73
Visits to Local Authority premises	 	 62
Inspection of agricultural premises		 167

	DISINFECTIO)NS A	ND D	ISINF	ESTA	TIONS	
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	Disinfestations:-						
	Ants			• •		1	
	Beetles					1	
	Bugs					9	
	Crickets					3	
	Fleas					4	
	Flies					1	
	Spiders					1	

SECTION X

1. INSPECTIONS for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)	I	I	ì	
f	Written Notices (4)	1	∞	v==	6
Number of	Inspections (3)	14	161	~	286
Minches	Register (2)	19	156	18	193
	Premises (1)	Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	Total
		(<u>i</u>)	(ii)	(iii)	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

			Nu	Number of cases in which defects were found	hich defects were	found	Number of
					Refe	Referred	cases in which
Particulars (1)			Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)			7	2	1	_	·
Overcrowding (S.2)			l	l	ţ	1	l
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)		•	I	ı	1	1	1
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	•	•	a a	İ	1	1	1
Sanitary conveniences (S.6)	•		ı	!	ı	l	1
Sanitally Convenients (3.7)							
			10	7	1 1	1 9	
(c) Not separate for sexes		•	1	. 1	1		1
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	outwork)	:	I	l	l	ı	1
				6	1	7	I
		o.					
	Outwor	kers in	Outworkers inspections	•	33		
	Workpl	laces in	Workplaces inspections	•	67		
			•				

SECTION XI

HOUSING

(a) New Houses

Houses completed during the years:-

			1961/4	1956/60	
1.	By the Council		433*	610*	
2.	By Private Enterprise		907	2,208	
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*Does not include those built by Slough Borough Council and/or London County Council.

(b) Unfit Houses

Returns continue to be submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government relating to clearance areas, demolition and closing orders, undertakings and repair of houses under the Housing Acts, 1936 to 1961, Public Health Act, 1936, and the Rent Act, 1957.

The following is a brief summary of those returns:-

Houses demolished as a result of formal action								
under Housing Act	58							
Houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders								
and/or Undertakings	2							
Parts of buildings closed	1							
Houses made fit following formal action under								
Housing Act or Public Health Act	12							
Houses made fit following informal action								
under Housing Act or Public Health Act	55							

Following the established practice, the Unfit Houses Sub-Committee made a tour during which seven properties were seen.

The appropriate resolution was passed by the Council in respect of a Clearance Area (No. 125) to be dealt with by means of a Compulsory Purchase Order. 3 houses were involved.

Formal individual action was taken in respect of 13 properties as a result of which 9 Demolition Orders were made and 4 Undertakings accepted.

(c) Improvement Grants

Grants for the conversion or improvement of housing accommodation.

Applications received	(a)	for con	version	1	1			
• •	(b)	for imp	rovem	ent	14			
Applications approved					_			
* *		for imp			12			
Standard Grants for improvement of dwellings.								
Applications received					24			
Applications approved					19			

SECTION XII

OTHER MATTERS

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936

Licence Applications					
Renewals		4 +			130
New					2
Total Licence Capac	ity at :	31st De	cember	, 1963	
Petroleum Spiri					364,955 gallons
Petroleum Mixt	tures				2,248 gallons

Pet Animials Act, 1951

No applications were received for a licence under this Act.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

One premises registered.

Clean Air Act, 1956

846 visits were made during the year. Readings from the two volumetric instruments installed in the district were continued to be submitted to the Warren Spring Laboratory.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The notification of Employment of Persons Order, 1964, brought into operation Section 49 of this Act on 1st May, 1964. This Section makes it obligatory for persons employing or intending to employ persons in shop or office premises to which the Act applies to notify the Council by 31st July, 1964.

By the end of the year 453 notifications had been received representing approximately 95% of the total number of premises to which the Act applies. Systematic inspection of the premises has

been commenced and is proceeding satisfactorily.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

At the end of the year there were 645 caravans on licensed sites within the district. Of this total 167 were on sites owned and managed by the Council, of the remainder 301 were on 5 multiple sites the rest being on small or individual sites.

Miscellaneous Matters

The following were received for information and observations:

Local Land Charge search enquiries . 1,880

Plans and Applications (Building Byelaws and Town and Country Planning) . 2,101

SECTION XIII

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

(a) E	Public Health Acts								
	Primary Inspections.	Но	uses					500	
	Primary Inspections.		hers					187	
								651	
	Moveable Dwellings	. Sit	tes					570	
	Moveable Dwellings			als				579	
	Moveable Dwellings							156	
	C 1D							14	
	Infectious Diseases a							129	
	Places of Public Ente							4	
	C -1 1-			• •				52	
	Offices		• •	• •			• •	60	
	Workplaces		• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	67	
	XX7 . O 11	•		• •	• •	• •		383	
	Swimming Pools .				• •	• •		66	
	Watercourses and D				• •	• •	• •	375	
						• •	• •		
	Drainage	Dia	nacal	• •	• •	• •		591	
	Sewage and Drainag				• •		• •	633	
	Dirty and Verminou		mises	• •	• •	• •		29	
	Insect Infestations .		• •	• •	• •			111	
	Offensive Accumulat			• •				260	
	Keeping of Animals			• •				167	
	Fairgrounds .							4	
	Public Conveniences							56	
	1	•						454	
		•						26	
	2 X	•						160	
	Litter							85	
	A # 1 11							193	
(b)	Housing Acts								
(0)	Houses, Primary Ins	pectio	ons					351	
	Revisits re above .						• •	697	
	0 1'				• •		• •	19	
) (! 11							39	
	Miscellaneous .	•	• •	• •	* *	• •	• •		
	D								
	Rent Act							()	
	Certificates, etc	•						8	
(c)	Factories Act								
	Factories - Motive							191	
	Factories - Non-mot	ive						14	
	Outworkers Premises							33	
	Building Sites .		• •					81	
	building bitto		• •					O I	

(d) Food and Drugs Act Butchers 350 . . Fishmongers and Poulterers 75 Greengrocers and Fruiterers 84 361 Confectioners, Flour and Sugar 80 Bakehouses 72 Licensed Premises ... 109 Restaurants and Cafes 203 112 Canteens Milk Premises and Sampling 46 4 Ice Cream Premises and Sampling 142 Knacker's Yard 39 Slaughterhouses 18 Food Inspection – Meat ... 17 Food Inspection – Other Food ... 215 Retail Bakeries 13 . . Cattle Market 37 Shops Acts 59 Inspections ... Petroleum Acts Inspections ... 395 Pet Animals Act Inspections ... 2 Clean Air Act Visits and observations ... 846 National Assistance Act Visits 13 **Bucks County Council Act** Hairdressers – Visits 36 Water Abstraction Regulations 26 Visits Noise Abatement Act Visits 136 Licensing Act 5 Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 310 Animal Boarding Establishments Act 48 Oil Heater Regulations Visits 3 . . NOTICES SERVED Formal Public Health Acts ... 63 Informal 463









